'I am relentlessly committed to providing quality education to children from marginalized and helpless communities, orphans and victims of conflict who have previously been deprived from the light of education.'

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Dolpo Buddha being interviewed by a TV journalist

Dolpo Buddha in Kriti Bihar, Kirtipur, Kathmandu

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His Holiness Dolpo Buddha Ranag Rinchen Rinpoche was born in the Saldang Village area, ward No. 2 in Lhori Village, Dolpa, Nepal in a Ranag clan in 1973. His father, the late Norbu Gurung, was named captain and also village head and Mother late Bomchok Gurung. Lhori village is near to the birthplace of the great famous Master Choekyap Palsang. The Holy Ranag family is considered as an identity of courage and power. That's why the Ranag ruling family, having the power to rule is only strengthened by the service and devotion to the people.

Many texts have explained that Ranag Rinchen in his childhood was an extraordinary child. Later the child was brought to the Yaetsher Monastrey where he was named as Ranag Rinchen Rinpoche. He was respected and worshipped as the reincarnated Lama as per the Buddhist rituals and as the Dolpo Buddha.

During his childhood, His Holinesss the Dolpo Buddha Ranag Rinchen Rinpoche possessed extraordinary characteristics and abilities which were not present in the other children. His extraordinary brilliance was always the matter of discussion among villagers and it was similar to the prophesied in precious texts. These extraordinary and impressive features which matched the prediction of the former Rinpoche about him being reincarnated as a child, the villagers started talking about this leading to the influential Rinpoches in the monastery to declare him the 5th incarnated Lama. He expressed and behaved like a holy person with characteristic signs of the Holy Lama from the beginning of his childhood. Since then the late Bhodisatva Threphuk Rinpoche

Dolpo Buddha being welcomed in Visit Lumbini Year in 2012

Dolpo Buddha with Minister Sarad Singh Bhandari during Visit Lumbini Year - 2012

presaged that the child will be the future seed of Buddha's teachings as well as a benefactor of mankind. At a young age His Holiness was sent to the Yaetsher Monastery to learn religious teachings. He learned from the throne holder of Yaetsher Monastery Lundup Paljor Rinpoche, Jigmey Throgyal Rinpoche, Khading Dubthop and Lama Ogyen Sangye. His Holiness learned through hearing and meditating traditional Buddhist ways of learnings from those authentic masters and completed the education there in Dolpa. His teachers in the monastery were very instrumental in the Dolpo Buddha's early development. For his further education, he was later sent to Kathmandu at Bouddha monastery and later to Dehradun in India to receive special teachings. The Dolpo Buddha quickly mastered the specific religious languages associated with each of those genres of Buddhist learnings. Dolpo Buddha is now acknowledged as one of the most paramount Buddhist masters in Nepal and the world.

After completing his primary religious education in Dolpa, in 1987 he went to Kathmandu for further study of Buddhist teachings. There he received transmission and empowerment from His Holiness Thrulzhig Rinpoche, the great scholar Khetsun Zangpo and other knowledgeable Khenpos and Geshes Lamas. All the great masters exemplified the qualities of genuine practitioners and he learned the sciences of Sutra, Tantra and Dzogchen teachings.

In 2000, he travelled to many countries. The government of Taiwan bestowed a special honor on him for his divine power and the role he played for the welfare of mankind. He has performed many religious activities for world peace and harmony. He has many students worldwide around Asia, Europe, America and so on.

His Holiness knows the hardships the high Himalayan people experience. In 2002, he established Snowland Ranag Light of Education School (SRLES) in Kathmandu with the hope of providing education, health care and a greater understanding of the children of the Himalayan region. Children living in harsh conditions and surroundings are brought to Kathmandu and provided with an education which fits into the modern age. This includes the valued principle of humanity and spirituality. All the students belong to deprived and marginalized communities of the Himalayan region. Some of them come from economically poor families while some are orphaned or victims of conflict. The Snowland school is a service oriented non-profit organization established to improve the quality of life of the people living in the remote areas of the high Himalayan region. The school is being run by the kind support of Dolpo Buddha's disciples, individuals and different institutions in the country and abroad. Each student has his or her own reason and story behind coming to the school. Right now, there are around one

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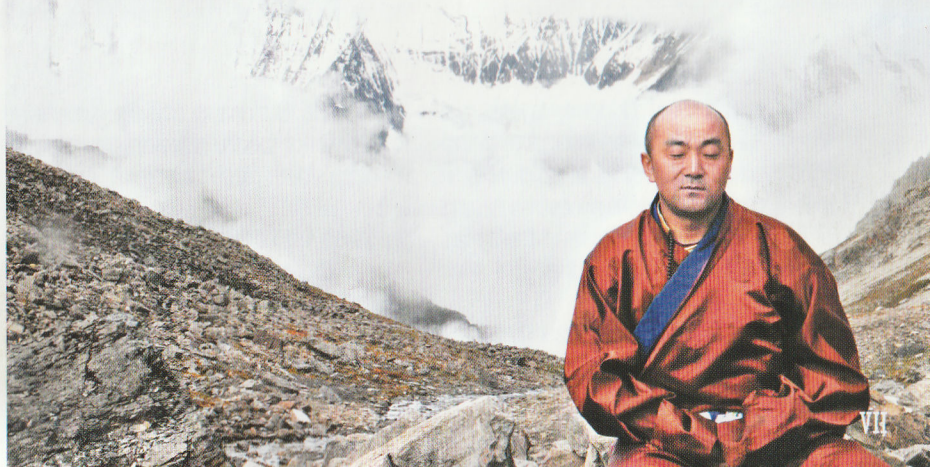
Shey Phoksundo Lake, is an alpine fresh water oligotrophic lake in Nepal's Shey Phoksundo National Park, located at an altitude of 3,611.5 m (11,849 ft) above sea level in the Dolpa District in Nepal

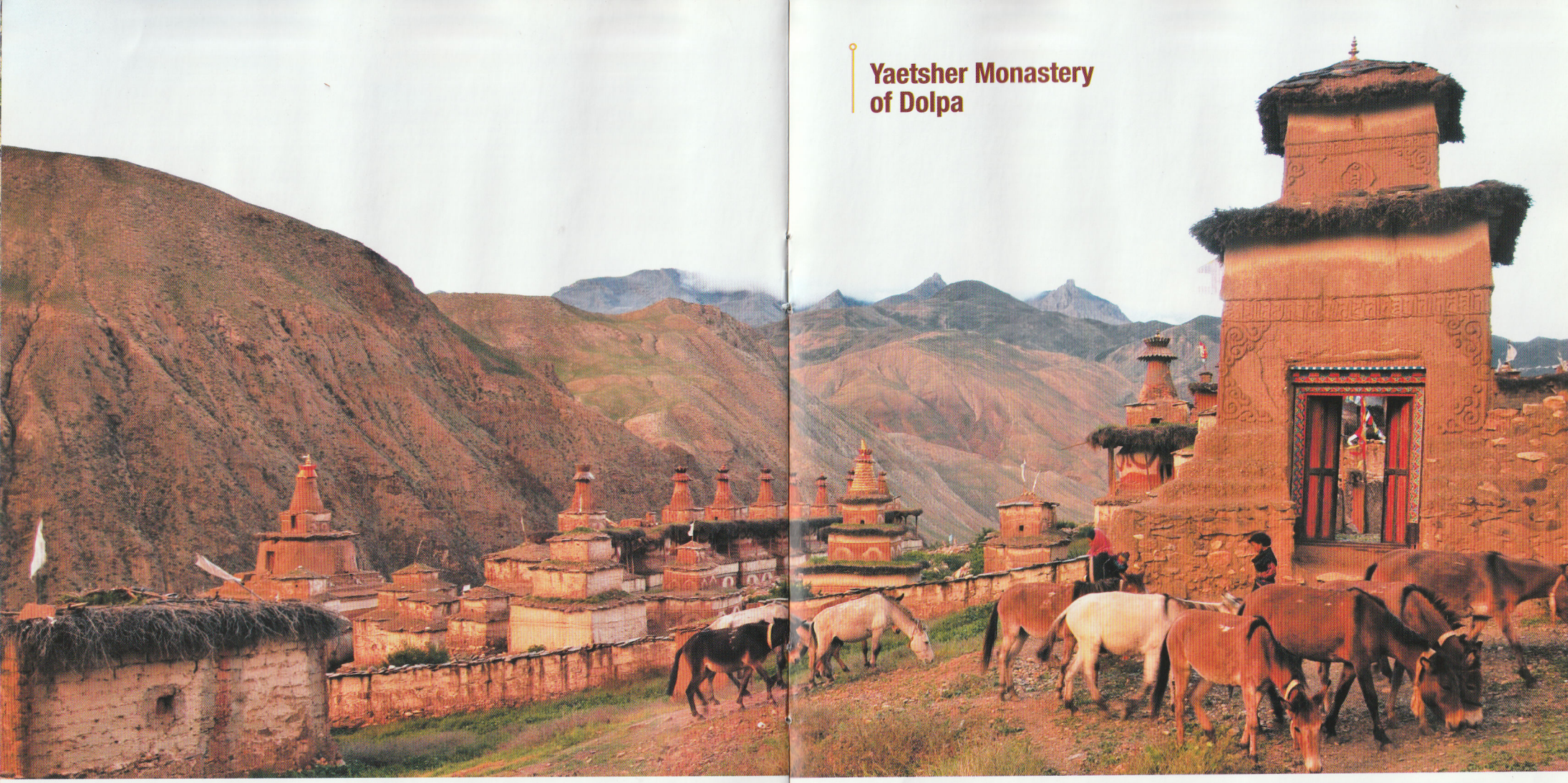
hundred fifty students who have been blessed by his Holiness's compassion and love. He is very keen to work in social activities very much. He is actively engaged in imparting modern quality education to the children from poor and marginalized communities, conflict affected children and orphans.

In 2006, around 400 to 800 year old statues of Yaetsher Monastery were stolen. The people reported the incident to all the concerned villages and district authorities but to no avail. Finally with the efforts of His Holiness Ranag Rinchen Rinpoche the statues were returned. His Holiness coordinated with high officials of the Chinese government to help retrieve precious statues of Buddha that were stolen from Yaetsher Monastery from Tibet. The government of Nepal and the people of Karnali region gave a special honor to His Holiness for his invaluable initiatives taken to reinstate the statues at the Yaetsher Monastery. The government of Nepal awarded him for his encouragement and capability and thousands of people appreciated him.

Farming in upper Dolpa is troublesome due to the climate and the soil. So, people are involved in animal husbandry. In 2007,

Meditating Dolpo Buddha





Yaetsher Monastery of Dolpa

on the occasion of Buddha Jayanti, His Holiness the Dolpo Buddha gave life to eight thousand sheep, goats and yaks in upper Dolpa. He bought sheep, goats and yaks and freed them. He told the locals not to kill animals, but rather use their products.

The Dolpo Buddha is actively involved in many works for the development of Lord Buddha's birth place Lumbini.

In 2001 and 2011, on the occasion of Nepal Tourism Year, the government of Nepal gave him the Honorary Goodwill Ambassador. Many religious societies

also awarded and appreciated him for his leadership and social works for welfare of the people.

In 2012 the Kantipur Television and newspaper had interviewed him and published it on the daily newspaper and showed it in television. The book called "Dolpo Buddha" was released and in that occasion many high ranking political leaders, incumbent and former ministers, official dignitaries, high officials of security agencies, ambassadors and top bureaucrates were present. Among them was the Malaysian scholar Dr. Victar Vi and Mrs. Sobha Tuladhar and her family.

His Holiness is also activating Tummo Treatment for free to all who need it. Tummo Yoga Treatment is based upon ancient

Amelia Rose Hillary with Dolpo Buddha in a program

treatment procedurs. The treatment has been proven effective especially in neuro and orthopaedic related problems. Many at home and abroad have benefited from the Tummo Yoga Treatment procedure. Many people across the country are reaching out to His Holiness for the treatment service. People who have received Tummo Yoga Treatment service visit time and again to express their deep respect, faith and devotion to His Holiness.

Ordinary people cannot explain his excellence. Many Bhodhisatva like Songsten Gampo and Padma Sambhawam Panditas had cleared that Choekyap Palsang was actual manifestation of great Yogi Thangtogn Gyalpo as inseparable with Dolpo Buddha. His Holiness embodied Bhodhisatva and emanation of Phoekyap Palsang and is a real reincarnation of Choekyap Palsang as a similar to all the reincarnated Dolpo Buddhas.

There are some precious texts also tell some interesting stories related to a dream of the great holy master. One story mentions two people that are in the search of the great Yogi Thangtong Gyalpo from province of Mustang. Finally they met great holy master Choekyap Palsang. They were asked "Why did you come here"? They said, "we travelled around every direction to search for the Great Yogi Thangtong Gyalpo. We dreamt that if we eagerly want to see the great Yogi then we should go to the upper part of the province. So, that is the reason we are here and you were the master who had dreamt me and please accept us." He was smiling and replied that it might be possible. The great master Choekyap Palsang is an emanation of Great Yogi Thangtong Gyalpo and the Yogi was inseparable with Dolpo Buddha. There was also stanza prophesied about His Holiness Ranag Renpoche as a reincarnation of Choekyap Palsang also being inseparable with Dolpo Buddha. Going through the available literatures and Buddhist texts followings are the incarnation of Dolpo Buddha linked to the Yaetsher Monastery. First, Sherab Gyaltsen the first Dolpo Buddha, second Thandong Gyalpo, third Choekyap Palsang, fourth Chhudung Wangdu and fifth Ranag Rinchen Rinpoche present day Dolpo Buddha. His Holiness is considered 5th reincarnated Lama.

His Holiness Dolpo Buddha Ranag Rinpoche states "Let's work from inside the heart and with sheer determination for peace and development. The service should reflect in work not in words".

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